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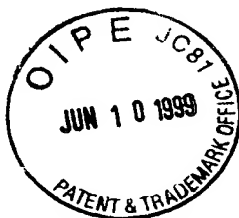
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In re patent application of

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Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Saoud

For: METHODS OF TREATING A
CONDITION BY
STIMULATION OR
INHIBITION OF EPITHELIAL
CELL GROWTH USING
KERATINOCYTE GROWTH
FACTOR

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Official Action dated February 16, 1999. A Petition for Extension of Time and the Requisite fee are attached. Applicants do not believe that any further fees are currently due. In the event this is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the undersigned's charge account No. 19-

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Examiner Saoud has requested applicants to elect one of the following groups for prosecution in this application:

- I. Claims 121-131, drawn to a method of treating a patient by inhibiting KGF by the administration of a DNA probe;
- II. Claims 121-131, drawn to a method of treating a patient by inhibiting KGF by the administration of heparin and a peptide that is based upon said antibody.

Applicants hereby elect group I for further prosecution in this case and preserve the right to pursue the subject matter of group II as a divisional application.